

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Phoumi rejects
Souvanna cabinet
slate

c. Although Phoumi is clearly aware that he has just about run out the string with the US, Brown still doubts that he will give in to persuasion and fears that if Phoumi can hold the King with him, Souvanna may pull out of the picture, leaving Phoumi and Souphannouvong face-to-face.

2. Congo

a. Tshombé is continuing his exchanges with the UN over the security guarantees he is asking as a prerequisite to a meeting with Adoula in Leopoldville.

b. The UN has withdrawn its offer of air cover for Congolese forces bound for Northern Katanga and the UN people in Leopoldville say they are confident that they can keep the operation from upsetting the apple cart. Ambassador Gullion is cautiously optimistic on this score, but is not altogether sure that the UN's lines are clear and thinks we must continue to put our influence on the side of restraint.

c. Adoula seems to be thinking of the moves by his forces in terms of fencing for position, but both he and his military are once again overrating the capabilities and discipline of their troops.

3. Jagan moved into back seat in British Guiana

With British troops providing the only real check against renewed disorders, control of the colony is, for the moment, in the hands of what amounts to a war council: the Minister of Home Affairs, the British force commander, and a number of top security officials.

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NOTES

- A. [redacted] Peining's
[redacted] purchase of US grain [redacted]
[redacted] issue has split Chinese Communist leaders with Chou En-lai
very much in favor and Liu Shao-chi bitterly opposed [redacted]

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- B. Khrushchev is back in Moscow for the first time in nearly two months to get ready for next Monday's Central Committee meeting.
- C. The Chilean government says that Moscow is pressing hard for the resumption of diplomatic relations, broken off in 1947, and has also been dangling some attractive trade offers before it. While these Soviet moves have probably been made, revelation of them by the Chileans may be scene-setting for the Goodwin mission.

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